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## DR. H. S. ATKINS SUCCEEDS RUNGE.

Physician Who Has Not Been in Politics Becomes Superintendent of Insane Asylum.

## FAMILIAR WITH THE DUTIES.

Mayor Wells's Appointee Has Advantage of Four Years' Experience in Kentucky Institution.

Mayor Rolla Wells announced yesterday afternoon that he had appointed Doctor Henry S. Atkins of No. 224 Olive street to succeed Doctor C. Runge as superintendent of the Insane Asylum. Doctor Runge's resignation was tendered to the city's chief executive several weeks ago, to take effect on February 1.

The appointment was confirmed by the Council last night. Doctor Atkins, although one of the younger practitioners of the city, had sixteen years of experience, four years of which were spent in an institution for the insane in Kentucky, his native State.

Doctor Atkins was born at Lexington, Ky., thirty-six years ago. He was educated at the Kentucky University and the State College. After completing his classics he decided to practice medicine and came to St. Louis. He entered the old Beaumont Medical College, from which he was graduated in 1888.

He returned to his native State, and in 1891 received the appointment of first assistant at the Eastern Kentucky Hospital for the Insane, which position he held until 1895, when his term expired. Shortly afterwards Doctor Atkins returned to St. Louis to practice. At present he is chief assistant at St. John's Hospital, under Doctor W. G. Moore, besides being assistant to the chair of medicine at St. Louis University and physician in charge at the Christian Orphans' Home on Aubert avenue.

Doctor Atkins is not a politician. His appointment was made by Mayor Wells strictly upon the efficiency plan, which Mayor Wells said would govern all his appointments.

Four days ago Doctor Atkins was unknown to the Mayor. The physician decided about that time to apply for the position, and although there were many applications weeks in advance of his, Doctor Atkins was chosen.

He called upon the Mayor in person and applied. They talked probably five minutes, it is said, the Mayor instructing his caller to make an application in writing, which was done.

Doctor Atkins lives at No. 1316 North King's Highway boulevard.

## PATROLMAN IS DROPPED.

Edward Wasson Charged With Unbecoming Conduct.

Patrolman Edward Wasson of the Fifth District was dismissed from the force by the Board of Police Commissioners yesterday afternoon on a charge of unbecoming conduct. He was a probationary and had been on duty since August.

Patrolman Dennis L. Murphy of the Second District, accused of absence from duty without leave, was found guilty and fined \$10 and a reprimand given.

## LEADING TOPICS

## TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

THE SUN RISES THIS MORNING AT 7:14 AND SETS THIS EVENING AT 5:59. THE MOON SETS THIS EVENING AT 10:55.

GRAIN CLOSED: ST. LOUIS—MAY WHEAT, 64 1/2@65 1/4 BID; MAY CORN 46 1/2@47 1/4. CHICAGO—MAY WHEAT 59 1/2@60 1/4; MAY CORN 45 1/2@46 1/4 BID.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.  
For St. Louis and vicinity—Partly cloudy and colder Saturday; brisk northerly winds.  
For Missouri, Arkansas and West Texas—Fair Saturday and Sunday.  
For Illinois—Fair Saturday except snow flurries and colder in north, Sunday fair.

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2. Bank Official Short \$170,000.  
3. Hanna Sees Great Future for Labor Unions.  
4. Transit Company May Supply Power. Texas to Send Million Visitors. Military Ball at the Capital.  
5. Little Scout Easy Winner. Bowling Results. Shea of California Signed by Robison.  
6. East Side News. Battle Closes in Ogle County.  
7. Editorial. Editors Expel Lee and Page.  
8. Tells How Bryan Gained Kansas City Platform.  
9. New Velvet Gowns for Afternoon and Evening Wear.  
10. Book Reviews. Roosevelt Is Against a Contest in Ohio. Sedalia Man Disappears. Blow for Local Option. Transit Wins Two Suits.  
11. Christian Endeavor Topic. News of the City Churches.  
12. Republic "Want" Ads. Birth, Marriage and Death Records. New Corporations.  
13. Rooms for Rent Ads.  
14. Many New Routes Being Completed. Chicago Grain Market. All Delegates Seated in Miners' Convention. River Telegrams.  
15. Day of Active Trading in Wall Street. All Local Securities in Brisk Demand. Weekly Bank Statement. Summary of St. Louis Markets.  
16. Old Time Feud Again Revived. Bad Weather Hits Back Trade. Court Allows Cannon \$4,000. Charged With Killing Father. To Investigate Sale of Lot.

## "SCRUPULOUS CONSCIENCE" RENEWS OPERATIONS BY SENDING TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS TO SETH COBB.

CONSCIENCE FUND  
CONTRIBUTIONS TO DATE.

Seth W. Cobb	\$200
Louisville and Nashville	100
Wabash Railroad	100
Terminal Association	100
Burlington System	100
Missouri Pacific	100
Illinois Central	100
C. & P. & St. L. R.	50
St. Louis Transfer Company	50
City of St. Louis	400
Wiggins Ferry	100
Vandalia Railroad	100
M. & K. & T. R.	50
Michael Cleary	20
Pierce Mullally	20
Mrs. William Cullinane	20
D. McAuliffe	10
Henry Zeigeborn	200
Western Union	30
Postal Telegraph Company	20
Big Four Railroad	100
Robert J. Carroll	2
Tony Faust	8
Transit Company	10
Thomas Halpin	10
Mrs. Thomas Halpin	10
Mrs. John P. Mullally	10
Edward Butler	20
Union Pacific R. R. Co.	100
Total	\$2,828

After a vacation of three weeks, during which time he succeeded in keeping his identity concealed, mysterious "Scrupulous Conscience" has returned to work.

Seth W. Cobb of No. 444 Westminster place yesterday morning received a letter containing two new, crisp \$100 United States gold certificates. He is the first to hear from "Scrupulous Conscience" since his return.

Unlike other letters received by many firms and individuals in the period between Christmas and New Year's, a note was not inclosed in the one received by Mr. Cobb.

Between two sheets of heavy paper, cut to fit the envelope, were pinned the two \$100 notes. On one of the slips, printed in lead pencil, was "Scrupulous Conscience, 1904." Both the words "scrupulous" and "conscience" were misspelled, evidently intentionally.

On the envelope was the following address: "Hon. S. W. Cobb, 444 Westminster place, St. Louis, Mo." The letter was received at the Post Office at 7 o'clock Thursday evening.

Two stamps are on the letter, one turned upside down in the upper right-hand corner, and the other on the back, near the center of the envelope. The one on the back is uncanceled, evidently not having been used.

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Handwritten note: "Hon S. W. Cobb. 444 Westminster Place. St. Louis Mo."

Facsimile of address on letter which contained two \$100 United States gold certificates, and pencilled note to which money was pinned, received from "Scrupulous Conscience" by Seth W. Cobb of No. 444 Westminster place.

been noticed by the clerks at the Post Office. The handwriting on both the envelope and the inside slip is entirely different from that on "Scrupulous Conscience" letters which have been received by other persons. It is that of a good penman, who writes a flourishing hand, and is evidently disguised.

All letters are double lined, and are of a large size, which will make the identity of the writer more difficult to ascertain. The letters on the slip to which the money was pinned, which were drawn with a lead pencil, are twice as large as those on the envelope.

The two slips, between which the money was pinned, are of heavy paper and are ruled in black, blue and red lines. They evidently were cut from a balance sheet, such as is used by many business firms. The numbers on the two bank notes are C 6259 and C 25416.

Mr. Cobb was opening the morning mail, with the assistance of his wife, yesterday morning, when Mrs. Cobb said to her husband, "Here is a letter which looks like a valentine."

Mr. Cobb told her to open it and see what it contained. He was busy opening other letters. Suddenly his wife exclaimed: "It is from 'Scrupulous Conscience.'" Mr. Cobb laid aside his mail, and for more than an hour examined the letter, trying to find a clue as to the identity of the writer.

"I have not the remotest idea who sent the letter," said Mr. Cobb. "I have been in business for many years and cannot remember any person who owes me considerable money."

"I am very glad to be remembered by this charitable person and think that he ought to be encouraged. I do not want to be the one to expose him."

Mr. Cobb regards himself as custodian for the \$200, and says that he will not spend it. He is sure the identity of the person sending the money will soon be disclosed.

Mr. Cobb is rather inclined to believe that the sender is a crank, who is spending money which does not rightfully belong to him. He regards the money the same as if he had found it in a purse on the street, and will keep it until the identity of the owner is disclosed, unless in the meantime he finds that it is rightfully due him.

Letters have been received by persons in St. Louis from "Scrupulous Conscience" in three styles of handwriting. There is some similarity in the writing in letters received in the period between Christmas and New Year's.

Many of the letters received during this period were printed. The style was flourishing, as in Mr. Cobb's letter, neither were the letters of large size. Many of the letters were written by a good penman.

Mr. Cobb is something of an expert on handwriting. He does not believe that a friend could write a letter to him in a disguised hand, without detection. He believes that all "Scrupulous Conscience" letters were written by the same person.

As far as is known, Mr. Cobb is the only person who has received a contribution from "Scrupulous Conscience" recently.

## TORNADO WRECKS TOWN IN ALABAMA; THIRTY-SEVEN DEAD

Practically Half the Population of Moundville Included in the List of Casualties.

## BUSINESS HOUSES ARE DOWN.

Even Foundations of Buildings Are Not to Be Found Where Once They Stood.

## IRON SAFES ARE BLOWN AWAY.

Clerk in Store Escapes by Letting Himself Into Well Under Structure Just Before It Collapses.

Tuscaloosa, Ala., Jan. 22.—A disastrous tornado swept over Moundville, Ala., a town of 300 inhabitants, fifteen miles south of Tuscaloosa, early to-day, and as a result thirty-seven persons were killed and more than 100 injured.

Every business house, with the exception of a small drug store, was completely destroyed. The tornado struck the town from the southwest and moved a path a quarter of a mile wide through the central section.

The following is a list of the white persons killed: E. P. SEYMOUR of Nashville, Tenn., who accepted his position as operator at the railroad station last evening.

A. H. WARREN of Birmingham, employed by the Alabama Grocery Company. J. H. REYNOLDS, superintendent of the pumping station, formerly of Nashville, Tenn. ROBERT S. POWERS of Tuscaloosa. MISS NETTIE FAIRLEY.

The negro dead were: W. N. MILLEN, wife and six children. ALBERT HOLSTON, wife and three children. IRE HOLSTON, wife and three children. Fourteen negroes, unidentified.

Survivors were rushed to Moundville from Greensboro and Tuscaloosa, and all possible was done to alleviate the sufferings of the injured.

BLOWN FROM BEDS.  
By the force of the storm persons were blown hundreds of feet from their beds in the blackness of night.

Through terror, a father, mother and three children fled from their home to seek refuge, and in their excitement left a 5-year-old boy in bed. To-day the boy was pulled from beneath some timber, and thus far it is impossible to find any other member of the family.

Bedding, carpets and wearing apparel are scattered for a distance of ten miles through what was a forest, but which is now clear, as if cut by the woodman's ax.

CARS SPLINTERED.  
Freight cars were torn to splinters, the trucks being hurled hundreds of feet from the track. The depot, the hotel, warehouses, glass, thirty homes, five store-houses, together with their stocks, were completely destroyed. Where they stood it is impossible to find even the pillars upon which the structures rested.

Bales of cotton which were stored in warehouses were torn to pieces, the fragments of lint lodging in trees, making it appear as though that section had been visited by a snowstorm. Many iron safes, the doors of which in some instances were torn from their hinges, were carried away by the force of the wind.

A young clerk employed by W. P. Philfer, hearing the terrible roaring of the storm, let himself into a well in the center of the store. He had no sooner found his place of safety than the store was completely demolished. He was drawn out unharmed.

DAMAGE AT BIRMINGHAM.  
Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 22.—A tornado struck the suburban town of North Birmingham to-day and demolished or damaged thirty-five houses, most of which were negro cabins. Several industrial plants were also damaged.

## EGYPT'S EXHIBIT ON THE OCEAN.

Steamship Republic Sails From Alexandria, Carrying Rich Wares to Be Shown at World's Fair.

SPECIAL BY CABLE TO THE NEW YORK HERALD AND THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC. Alexandria, Jan. 22.—(Copyright, 1904.) The steamship Republic sailed yesterday for Boston, carrying the Egyptian exhibits for the St. Louis Exposition.

The United States cruiser San Francisco returned to this harbor yesterday at the conclusion of target practice at Aboukir, and is now coaling from the Alexandria, which goes into dry dock on Saturday.

Captain Very, the officers and some of the men will proceed to Cairo to-morrow, where the Captain will be presented to the Khedive by the Acting Consul General, Mr. Morgan.

The San Francisco will sail on Tuesday. All sections west of the Rocky Mountains. The temperature continues high in the East and Southeast, and has risen on the east slope of the Rocky Mountains and on the North Pacific Coast.

Because of the storm the local Weather Bureau failed to get reports from many States. Hourly thermometer readings from 6 o'clock yesterday morning to last midnight were as follows:

6 a. m.	25	4 p. m.	26
7 a. m.	24	5 p. m.	25
8 a. m.	23	6 p. m.	24
9 a. m.	22	7 p. m.	23
10 a. m.	21	8 p. m.	22
11 a. m.	20	9 p. m.	21
12 noon	19	10 p. m.	20
1 p. m.	18	11 p. m.	19
2 p. m.	17	12 p. m.	18
3 p. m.	16		

## NIECE OF FATHER PHELAN ELOPES WITH A. M. MACHECA.

Miss Retta C. Cantwell Married by Justice—Ceremony to Be Repeated by Priest if Dispensation Can Be Secured.

Miss Retta C. Cantwell, a niece of the Reverend Father David S. Phelan, editor of the Western Watchman, eloped to Clayton yesterday morning with Arthur M. Machecha of No. 5024 Westminster place. A civil ceremony was performed by Justice of the Peace Frank L. Stoble of Wellston.

A religious ceremony will be performed this afternoon at the Rock Church, provided a dispensation can be secured from Archbishop Glennon, by one of the Redemptorist priests at that place, as both Mr. and Mrs. Machecha are Catholics.

Peculiar interest is lent to the elopement, for the reason that the bride was reported engaged to another, and it is said, was to be married to him in June. Mrs. Machecha denied this report last night, but it was confirmed by members of her family.

Mrs. Machecha was a favorite niece of Father Phelan and was employed by him in his office. Yesterday morning she failed to report for duty, although she left her home at the usual time. She returned at noon and, after eating her dinner, went to the office of the Western Watchman, arriving there at 1:45.

Thursday evening Miss Cantwell, that was, and Mr. Machecha attended the theater. Their "good night" after their return to the wedding. Meantime news of the elopement, Mr. Machecha left the house, it was with the understanding that their marriage should take place yesterday.

Yesterday evening the bride stayed at the Cook avenue residence only long enough to change her clothing. She told her grandmother, Mrs. Dunn, that she was going to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin S. Pullis, No. 5024 Westminster place, to attend a chaffing dish party given by Miss Hatfield Pullis, one of her intimate friends. It is at this number that her husband has been boarding.

Neither bride nor bridegroom gave any intimation to the guests at the Pullis residence of the wedding. Meantime news of the marriage had reached the bride's home, and her aunt hastened to Westminster place to confirm it. When she confronted the bride the latter induced her to say nothing to the guests, and shortly afterwards found an excuse to leave.

Mr. Machecha is the son of a fruit dealer in New Orleans, and went to the Crescent City recently, where it was supposed that he would remain with his parents. Instead, however, he hurried back and pleaded with Miss Cantwell until she agreed to forget her June engagement, and accompanied him to Clayton.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.  
Chicago, Jan. 22.—"This is vile, vile, vile. Nothing but drinking, gambling and drinking. I will never come here again."

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"I am a woman and am privileged to speak first," she continued. "I want to say again that I think it is vile, vile, vile." Mrs. Miller stood at the table and looked around her with mingled defiance and horror at liquor drinking expressed on her countenance.

There was a commotion, and friends led her away from the table and succeeded in quieting her.

The banquet had progressed smoothly and successfully, and the banqueters had just finished. Mr. Elias had risen for his speech and the unexpected interruption caused a sensation.

For an instant the room was silent, then Mr. Elias rose again and, ignoring the interruption, resumed his speech.

It was abbreviated, however, and the banqueters arose hastily and adjourned to the reception-room.

Mrs. Miller is said to be the wife of a St. Louis railroad man.

## COTTON PASSES 15-CENT MARK.

Sensational Strength at Liverpool, With Other Bull Influences, Sets Traders Wild.

New York, Jan. 22.—Cotton passed the 15-cent mark for the July option in the local market to-day.

Sensational strength at Liverpool, where spot cotton advanced to 3 pence, or about 16 cents a pound, continued lighter receipts, strong spot advances and the increased activity of bull leaders plunged the New York market into a tumult of excitement such as had not been witnessed before the present upward movement.

New high records were made. The opening was strong at an advance of 6 1/2 points, with March and May showing the greatest strength. The former sold at 14.28 on the call, May at 14.90 and July at 14.94.

There was a reaction from first prices, but the market soon turned firm and worked upward, July going to 15c before the end of the first hour.

Trading then became less active, but the market ruled generally firm. March sold up to 14.75c, May to 14.85c and July to 15.00c. The close was near the top, but barely steady under reselling, at a net advance of 12 1/2 points on the general list.

BROWN BUYS MAY.  
New Orleans, Jan. 22.—Brown surprised the ring at the Cotton Exchange to-day by telling traders to go to his brokers and give them everything they had for sale for May delivery at the market price. He said he was willing to buy everything offered up to half a million bales. Before he made this offer he bid 13.18 cents for 25,000 bales of May. His purchases were heavy.

ASKS INCLUSION OF STONE.  
Masons and Quarrymen Want Change in Building Ordinance.

At the last public hearing on the new building ordinance, held yesterday afternoon in the committee-room of the Council, H. F. Gruntemeyer of the Master Stone Masons' Association appeared to request that no discrimination be made against the use of cut-stone in foundation and other work, and that the ordinance shall not specify only iron and brick construction. This petition, he said, was seconded by the Quarrymen's Association.

Julius Seidel of the Lumbermen's Association asked that the clause requiring floor beams to be 12 inches thick be amended to read 14 inches, as the mills were not cutting the thicker lumber. By setting the beams nearer together the same strain could be borne by the smaller beams, he said.



MRS. ARTHUR M. MACHECHA. Who was until yesterday Miss Retta Cantwell. The couple eloped to Clayton yesterday. The marriage by a Justice of the Peace will be followed by a religious ceremony to-day.

## ST. LOUIS WOMAN'S STARTLING SPEECH

Interrupted Banquet in Chicago by Attack on Gambling and Drinking.

## ONE TOAST WAS CUT SHORT.

Guests Were Amazed at Sudden Intrusion of Woman's Voice—Speaker Ignored Remarks and Friends Led Her Away.

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## MAY IMPROVE MEYER BUILDING.

E. C. Simmons Recently Paid About \$450,000 for Washington and Broadway Corner.

Important alterations and improvements at the northeast corner of Washington avenue and Broadway, until recently occupied by the Meyer department store, are said to be under consideration by E. C. Simmons.

Though Mr. Simmons purchased the building and site several months ago, the fact has not been generally known. The price was about \$450,000. The property was owned by the estate of William L. Hunt and has a frontage of forty feet on Washington avenue by sixty-five on Broadway, with an "L" running more than 100 feet toward Fourth street.

The adjoining property is owned by Gauss & Montgomery, and it is said, plans are maturing to convert the adjacent buildings into a large structure, a prominent Eastern mercantile house, which proposes to establish a branch in St. Louis.

Since the affairs of the Meyer store have become involved, several bidders for the location have appeared. It is regarded as one of the best available sites in the city for retail dry goods purposes. The building, four stories and basement, is substantial and is thought to be adaptable to alterations of an extensive character at comparatively small expense.

Mr. Simmons yesterday confirmed his purchase of the property, but was unwilling to discuss plans. He is going to Florida to spend several weeks on account of bad health, and the disposition of the Meyer building will be left in the hands of his agents.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.  
Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 22.—The annual joint debate between Sigma Pi and Phi Alpha societies of Illinois College was held to-night and was won by Phi Alpha. The referendum question was debated.

Phi Alpha Won Debate.